

Training and Evaluation Outline Report

Task Number: 07-6-1063

Task Title: Conduct a Linkup (Battalion - Brigade)

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Supporting Reference(s):

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	FM 3-21.20	The Infantry Battalion	Yes	Yes
	FM 3-90-2	RECONNAISSANCE, SECURITY, AND TACTICAL ENABLING TASKS VOLUME 2	Yes	No
	FM 3-90.6	Brigade Combat Team	Yes	No

Condition: The Brigade Combat Team (BCT) or Battalion (BN) is conducting operations independently or as part of a higher headquarters (HQ) and has received an operation order (OPORD) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) to link up with another unit. The BCT/BN may conduct the linkup as a moving unit or as a stationary unit. Area of operations (AO), boundaries, restrictive fire lines (RFLs), axis of advance, general linkup point, chain of command upon linkup, and other control and coordination measures are established. The BCT/BN and linking unit will move to the designated site. All necessary unit personnel and equipment are available. The BCT/BN has communications with required HQ/units at all echelons and connectivity through the Army Battle Command System (ABCS). The unit is provided guidance by the Rules of Engagement (ROE). It may also have Mission Instructions, such as a peace mandate, Terms of Reference, and Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). Coalition forces, noncombatants, government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and local and international media may be in the operational environment (OE). Some iterations of this task should be performed during limited visibility. Some iterations should be performed in an IED environment. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4.

Standard: The BCT/BN performs the linkup in accordance with (IAW) FM 3-90.6, standard operating procedures (SOP), the order, and/or higher commander's guidance, and conducts necessary planning, coordination, and liaison. The BCT/BN moves to the linkup site, avoids decisive engagement, and conducts the linkup as directed. The unit complies with the ROE, mission instructions, higher HQs' order, and other special orders. All required overlays and graphics are provided in digital format, and all communication and reporting is IAW applicable SOP

Safety Risk: Low

Task Statements

Cue: The Brigade Combat Team (BCT) or Battalion (BN) is conducting operations independently or as part of a higher headquarters (HQ) and has received an operation order (OPORD) or fragmentary order (FRAGORD) to link up with another unit.

DANGER

None

WARNING

None

CAUTION

None

Remarks: None

Notes: None

TASK STEPS

* 1. PLAN - BCT/BN leaders gain and/or maintain situational understanding (SU) using available communications equipment, maps, intelligence summaries, situation reports (SITREPs), and other available information sources. Intelligence sources include human intelligence (HUMINT), signal intelligence (SIGINT), and imagery intelligence (IMINT) to include unmanned aircraft systems (UASs) and unattended ground sensors (UGSs).

* 2. BCT/BN commander and staff receive an order or anticipate a new mission and begin the military decision-making process (MDMP). (Refer to task 71-8-5110, Plan Operations using the Military Decision Making Process for further details.)

* 3. BCT/BN commander and staff plan a link up with another unit.

a. Establish liaison between the two units during planning and continue liaison throughout the operation.

b. Develop a plan in conjunction with the other unit (if joint development is not possible, ensure extensive coordination of the plan) and determine linkup methods. The two linkup methods are:

(1) Moving force has an assigned limit of advance (LOA) near the other force and conducts the linkup at predetermined contact points. (Preferred method).

(2) Moving force continues to move and conduct long-range recognition via radio or other measures, stopping only when it makes physical contact with the other force.

c. Conduct a digital or conventional map reconnaissance to include the following:

(1) Primary and alternate linkup sites.

(2) Rally point(s).

(3) Assembly area (AA) short of the linkup site. (The distance between the AA and linkup site is determined by the factors of mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available, time available, and civil considerations [METT-TC]).

(4) Likely enemy avenues of approach.

(5) Routes to and from linkup site, AA, and or rally point(s).

(6) Mark tentative dismount points on digital and conventional maps.

(7) Restrictive Fire Lines (RFLs).

(8) LOAs.

d. Update the joint common database (JCDB) and common operational picture (COP), if equipped, providing current situational understanding (SU) to provide timely and accurate information for intelligence preparation of the battlefield (IPB) and the planning process. Designates a quartering party to recon and secure AA.

e. Develop a scheme of maneuver and control measures (contact points, checkpoints, phase lines, routes, limit of advance (LOA), and zones of actions).

f. Coordinate digital, visual, and/or voice recognition signals (far and near).

g. Coordinate frequencies, call signs, codes, and tactical internet architecture.

h. Confirm command relationship with the linkup unit. (Who is in command if the enemy attacks during linkup? Who is in command after linkup?)

i. Develop contingency plans.

(1) Plan for enemy contact before, during and after linkup.

(2) Plan for how long to wait at the linkup site.

(3) Plan for actions to be taken if an element(s) does not arrive at the linkup site.

j. Integrate and synchronize warfighting functions based on the mission variables of METT-TC.

(1) Synchronize fires.

(a) Fire support officer (FSO) plan and coordinates indirect fire support and/or close air support, if available, using the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS).

(b) Assign direct fire responsibilities.

(c) Position fire support assets to support the reconnaissance effort.

(2) Synchronize sustainment operations

(a) Integrate the movement and positioning of sustainment assets with the scheme of maneuver to ensure immediate support of anticipated requirements.

(b) Determine fuel requirements.

(c) Determine duration of the operation.

(d) Determine operations after the linkup is completed (moving unit joins stationary force, moving force passes through the stationary force, moving unit goes around the stationary force, or continue the attack).

(e) Determine transportation requirements for special purpose forces (e.g. air assault and special operation forces [SOF]).

(f) Identify lines-of-communication (LOC) security requirements.

(g) Plan evacuation of equipment, wounded, and enemy prisoners of war (EPWs).

(h) Plan resupply of stationary unit if applicable.

k. Share Situational Awareness (SA) data between linkup units.

(1) Update the JCDB and COP, providing current SA to provide timely and accurate information for IPB and the planning process.

(2) Digital and or conventional overlays, as a minimum include:

(a) Primary and alternate link up points.

(b) Checkpoints and waypoints information.

(c) Unit disposition and activity (friendly and enemy).

(d) Location and type of obstacles.

(e) Fire control measures including restricted fire line (RFL).

(f) Communications security (COMSEC) requirements and procedures.

(3) Update internet provider (IP) address databases if applicable.

(4) Update FBCB2 graphic display.

(5) Update modifications to digital communications structure if applicable.

l. Coordinate a passage of lines as required. (Refer to task 17-6-9314, Conduct Zone Reconnaissance [Battalion-Brigade] or 17-6-9315, Conduct Area Reconnaissance [Battalion-Brigade])

m. Conduct risk management. (Refer to task 71-8-5145, Conduct Risk Management [Battalion-Corps]).

4. BCT/BN commander and staff conducts confirmation briefings with subordinate commanders immediately after operation order (OPORD) is issued to ensure subordinates understand commander's intent and concept.

5. PREPARE - BCT/BN prepare for linkup.

a. Refine the plan based on continuously updated intelligence.

b. Conduct extensive reconnaissance operations.

c. Conduct preparation for combat.

d. Supervise subordinate MDMP/troop-leading procedures to ensure planning and preparations are consistent with the BCT/BN commander's intent and concept.

e. Conduct rehearsals during day and limited visibility if possible.

f. Direct the movement of the quartering party to secure AA.

6. BCT/BN commander maintain SU to ensure conduct of the operation is consistent with established control measures.

7. EXECUTE - BCT/BN execute the linkup.

a. Occupy AA. Begin movement to the AA short of the linkup site.

b. Establish and maintain communications throughout the operation.

c. Track progress in FBCB2.

d. Destroy or bypass and report enemy that cannot be avoided. Avoid enemy contact if possible.

e. Adjust the linkup plan based on the factors of METT-TC. (e.g. slow movement to maintain positive control and prevent fratricide).

f. The first element to arrive at the linkup point or the element designated as the stationary unit conducts the following actions:

- (1) Send a security team forward to secure the linkup point (may be mounted or dismounted).
 - (a) Clear the immediate area around the linkup point.
 - (b) Mark the linkup point with the pre-coordinated recognition signal.
 - (c) Position security team in covered and concealed positions that overwatch the linkup point.
 - (d) Guides return to linkup AA to guide remainder of first element to linkup point.
- (2) First element establishes a perimeter defense at linkup point.

g. The second element to arrive at the linkup point or the element designated as the moving unit conducts the following actions:

- (1) Move to a position short of the linkup point and gives any predetermined signals to the unit already at the linkup site.
- (2) Move to the linkup site and conduct near recognition.
- (3) Security element leads second element to the first element's established perimeter.
- (4) Second element is incorporated into the perimeter defense.

8. The BCT/BN leaders assess the linkup operation.

- a. Continuously monitor and update the COP and the progress of the operation.
- b. Direct adjustments to ensure that linkup operations remain aligned with the commander's intent.

9. Chain of command is established based on the higher command's order.

10. BCT/BN consolidate as necessary. (Refer to Task 07-6-5037, Conduct Consolidation [Battalion–Brigade]).

11. The BCT/BN reorganize as necessary. (Refer to Task 07-6-5082, Conduct Reorganization, [Battalion–Brigade]).

12. BCT/BN continues the mission IAW the OPORD, FRAGORD, and/or guidance from higher headquarters.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. BCT/BN leaders gained and/or maintained situational understanding.			
2. BCT/BN commander and staff received an order or anticipated a new mission to conduct a linkup and began the military decision-making process (MDMP).			
3. BCT/BN commander and staff planned a link up with another unit.			
4. BCT/BN commander and staff conducted confirmation briefings with subordinate commanders immediately after operation order (OPORD) is issued to ensure subordinates understood commander's intent and concept.			
5. BCT/BN prepared for linkup.			
6. BCT/BN commander maintained SU to ensure conduct of the operation is consistent with established control measures.			
7. BCT/BN executed the linkup.			
8. The BCT/BN leaders assessed the linkup operation.			
9. Chain of command is established based on the higher command's order.			
10. BCT/BN consolidated as necessary.			
11. The BCT/BN reorganized as necessary.			
12. BCT/BN continued the mission IAW the OPORD, FRAGO, and/or guidance from higher headquarters.			

TASK PERFORMANCE / EVALUATION SUMMARY BLOCK							
ITERATION	1	2	3	4	5	M	TOTAL
TOTAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES EVALUATED							
TOTAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES GO							
TRAINING STATUS GO/NO-GO							

ITERATION: 1 2 3 4 5 M

COMMANDER/LEADER ASSESSMENT: T P U

Mission(s) supported: None

MOPP 4: Sometimes

MOPP 4 Statement: None

NVG: Sometimes

NVG Statement: None

Prerequisite Collective Task(s):

Step Number	Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
	71-8-5111	Conduct the Military Decisionmaking Process (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved

Supporting Collective Task(s):

Step Number	Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
	07-6-5181	Occupy an Assembly Area (Battalion - Brigade)	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved
	17-6-0308	Synchronize Close Air Support (Battalion - Brigade)	17 - Armor (Collective)	Approved
	71-8-4100	Coordinate Logistics Support (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved
	71-8-5114	Conduct Fires Planning (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved
	71-8-5121	Establish Coordination and Liaison (Battalion - Corps)	71 - Combined Arms (Collective)	Approved

Supporting Individual Task(s):

Step Number	Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
	061-284-4006	Synchronize Fire Support Operations	061 - Field Artillery (Individual)	Approved
	171-123-1301	Conduct an Area or Zone Reconnaissance	171 - Armor (Individual)	Approved
	171-123-4005	Conduct the Occupation of an Assembly Area (AA)	171 - Armor (Individual)	Approved
	171-630-0046	Conduct Military Decision-Making Process (MDMP) as a Staff Officer	171 - Armor (Individual)	Approved
	331-184-0031	Conduct a Linkup	331 - Special Warfare (Individual)	Approved

Supporting Drill Task(s):

Step Number	Drill Number	Drill Title	Drill Type	Proponent	Status
	07-3-D9501	React to Direct Fire Contact	Battle Drill	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved
	07-3-D9504	React to Indirect Fire	Battle Drill	07 - Infantry (Collective)	Approved

Supported AUTL/UJTL Task(s):

Task ID	Title
ART 1.2.7	Link Up with Other Tactical Forces

TADSS

Step ID	TADSS ID	Title	Product Type	Quantity
	71-03/6	Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT) Mobile Reconfigurable Vehicle Simulator (RVS) Series	DVC	1
	71-02	Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT) Fixed Site Installation	DVC	1
	DVC-VBS2	VIRTUAL BATTLESPACE 2 (Local TADSS – Not in TSMATS/PAM 25-30)	SIM	1

Equipment (LIN)

Step ID	LIN	Nomenclature	Qty
No equipment specified			

Materiel Items (NSN)

Step ID	NSN	LIN	Title	Qty
No materiel items specified				

Environment: Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to FM 3-34.5 Environmental Considerations and GTA 05-08-002 ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED RISK ASSESSMENT. .

Safety: In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with ATP 5-19, Risk Management. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Protection, FM 3-11.5, Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Decontamination. .